

*And, whereas,* It is proper that some measures should be adopted by this General Assembly to ascertain the truth of this information, and, if possible, secure the reduction of the said charges; therefore be it

*Ordered,* That the Committee of Ways and Means have the power hereby granted to them to summon before them, and administer oaths to witnesses, and to compel the production of all papers necessary to arrive at the information, and accomplish the purposes mentioned in the preamble aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Brooke, it was

*Ordered,* That Mr. Boyle be excused from attendance in this House until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Waters, of Dorchester, it was

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Smith and Lambdin be excused from the service of this House from 2 o'clock to-day, until Tuesday next, to visit their families.

On motion of Mr. Koons,

Leave was granted to the Frederick delegation to introduce a bill to repeal the Act of 1874, chap. 285, prohibiting the sale of ardent spirits within three miles of Hansonville Post-office, in Frederick county, and re-enact the same with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Bird, Turner and Dunbar, to introduce a bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Calvert county to levy an amount of money sufficient to repair public buildings in Calvert county.

On motion of Mr. Ward,

Leave was granted to the Cecil delegation to introduce a bill to incorporate the Elkton and Delaware Junction Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. Neal,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Neal, Cockey and Dunbar to introduce a bill for the further protection of the oyster interest in Queen Anne's county.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations to introduce a bill entitled an Act to amend the charter of the Eastern Shore Railroad Company and its supplements, and to authorize the said Company to adjust its bonded debt, and interest thereon, with its creditors.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Dorchester,

Leave was granted to the Dorchester delegation to introduce a bill to protect fish in the Black-water river, in Dorchester county.